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CORRIGAN OFFERS WHITMAN PROOFS FOR GRAND JURY

Calls at the District-Attorney's Office and Says He'll Back Up Assertions.

JUDGE DEFIES REMOVAL.

Reiterates Attack and Calls It True as Two and Two Are Four.

Magistrate Joseph Corrigan called on District-Attorney Whitman this afternoon. The District-Attorney was busy when Magistrate Corrigan arrived and while waiting the Magistrate had a long talk with Justice John W. Goff's personal attendant, Thomas Kearney, whom he appeared to meet by appointment.

In view of statements that had been made earlier in the day by the District-Attorney, Magistrate Corrigan was asked if he had called to talk about his open charges that the Mayor was responsible for an alleged condition of wide open vice obtaining in the city. He replied:

"I came here to see the District-Attorney on a matter. I will say that I am not here officially to discuss my letter with him."

"Will you go before the Grand Jury to repeat the statements in your letter?" he was asked.

"If the Grand Jury wants me I am willing to back up my assertions any time," was the reply.

"I think I have said enough already. But all that I did say was just as true as that two and two makes four. I have nothing to add to or detract from my remarks upon the demoralizing system of conducting the Police Department that is now in vogue."

Believes He Did Duty.

"I put the responsibility for the present distressing situation where I thought it belonged and where I still think it belongs, and I believe also that I did my full duty. I would do the same over again tomorrow if my sense of obligation as a citizen and as a city magistrate impelled me to do so. I am not seeking to stir or stir-stir, and am satisfied that public sentiment is behind me."

Many Commend Him.

"Every one knows that the conditions I describe exist," said the Magistrate. He pointed to a pile of letters and telegrams, which he said he had received from citizens commending him for making public his charges.

"I know what is going on," he continued, "and I did not go into this thing without giving it some consideration."

"There is but one way to have a Magistrate removed," said he when his attention was called to the Mayor's threat. "That way is the city charter provides. A Magistrate must be guilty of judicial misconduct. Now, telling the truth is not misconduct, and I have done nothing more. I do not believe proper charges could ever be based upon such an act."

Before a Magistrate can be removed charges must be filed with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Relative to the Mayor's statement that he had been on a five weeks' vacation to Florida, Magistrate Corrigan denied that he had spent any part of his time on the houseboat Stop-a-While.

No Sedition Says Whitman.

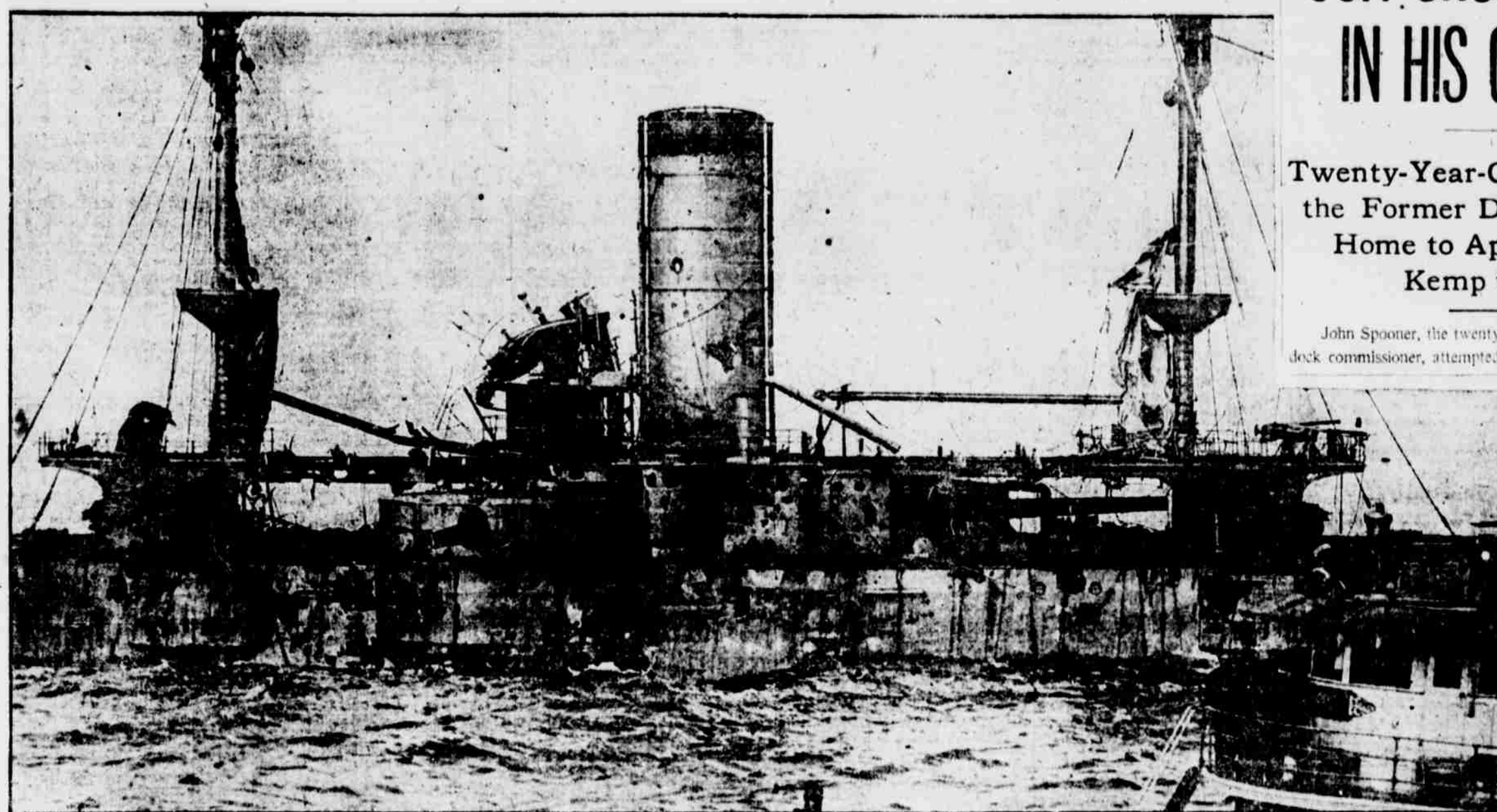
When District-Attorney Whitman was asked this morning if he regarded Magistrate Corrigan's statement as seditious, he answered emphatically:

"I most certainly do not. By virtue of his experience, first as an Assistant District-Attorney and then as a Judge upon the police bench, Magistrate Corrigan should be qualified to discuss police and crime conditions as he sees them. I take it he has a perfect right both as a citizen and as an official to call attention to any civic irregularities or official neglect."

"Whether people may think Magistrate Corrigan did or did not have good taste and sober judgment is

How Old Battleship Texas Was Riddled by Giant Projectiles Under Bombardment by the Dreadnought New Hampshire's Guns

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In Lower Chesapeake Bay the famous old battleship Texas to-day lies a ruin, raked fore and aft by the navy's big guns.

The above cut shows her as she was sinking to the bottom, torn and shattered, a miserable hulk, in the interest of war science.

The once-pride sea fighter that did valiant work in the Spanish-American war was sacrificed in order that the piercing work of shells and the resistance of armor plate might be proved. The deadly work of the shells from the twelve-inch guns of the battleship New Hampshire is evident.

Fired from a distance of seven and eight miles, they tore gaping holes in the staunch old battleship, raked her decks and battered her out of all semblance to her former self.

ALLEN N. SPOONER'S SON SHOTS HIMSELF IN HIS CHUM'S ROOM

Twenty-Year-Old Boy Goes From the Former Dock Commissioner's Home to Apartment of Young Kemp to Use Pistol.

John Spooner, the twenty-year-old son of Allen N. Spooner, former dock commissioner, attempted suicide to-day in the bachelor apartments

of his friend, Charles Kemp, at No. 385 St. John's place, Brooklyn, by shooting himself in the abdomen.

Young Spooner, who had been out of work for some time, left his home at No. 11 West Eighty-eighth street this morning in an apparently cheerful frame of mind. He had been despondent recently, but seemed to have a better grip on himself when he went out, saying that he was going over to Brooklyn and visit with his friend in his apartments, opposite Prospect Park.

When young Spooner arrived at Kemp's apartments he seemed quite at ease, and the two youths spent the morning in reminiscent conversation. Some time after 11 o'clock young Kemp suggested that it was up to him to get lunch for himself and his guest.

Goes to Chum's Apartment.

"Make it a real old-time jammer," suggested young Spooner. "Don't let's go out to a restaurant. Get something in the delishious store and let's eat it here."

Kemp was out in less than half an hour he returned, his arms filled with bundles and parcels. He found his guest waiting and a pistol on the floor. He at once called for aid and Spooner was taken to the Swedish Hospital.

Story Told by His Chum.

Charles Kemp, when seen at the hospital this afternoon, told of his friend's attempt at suicide. "Spooker came to see me yesterday," he said. "He seemed to be in good spirits. He went home about 5 o'clock and this morning about 10 o'clock he came back to the rooms. We sat around reading the papers for some time and discussed the Glasgow-Corrigan story."

"Then I told him that I was going to run out to the delishious store and get some lunch and that we would have a spread when I got the cake. I went to a neighboring delishious store and when I returned found that I had left my keys in the door."

"I rang the bell and Spooner was able to open the door and let me in. I asked him what was the matter and he was not able to talk. I saw that he was shot and told a policeman. Dr. Vance came from the Swedish Hospital. He took Spooner to the Swedish Hospital."

"He worked as a clerk in his father's office and had no love affairs or troubles as far as I know. I am inclined to think it was an accident. I do not know where he got the pistol he used."

Former Dock Commissioner Spooner, who is now president of the Standard Contracting Company, at No. 120 Pearl street, went to Midland Beach to-day and could not be reached by any of his office staff this afternoon. He carried two letters under his arm, but was not responded to by Mayor Dayner. His daughter, Violet Langford, married Jefferson B. Smith of Jersey City on Sept. 14, 1906. The present Mrs. Spooner is the stepmother of young Spooner.

Mount Vernon Bank Shuts Down.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Mount Vernon National Bank of Mount Vernon, N. Y., with a capital of \$200,000, was closed to-day by its directors, Herbert T. Jennings, the president, is also an officer of the First National Bank of Mount Vernon, which was closed by its directors yesterday.

The bank had suffered from a fire at the top of its tower. It was too much for the bank's directors. The bank was closed to-day by its directors. The bank was closed to-day by its directors. The bank was closed to-day by its directors.

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RAIDERS SEIZE 1,500 BASKETS AT WALLABOUT

Descend on Farmers Using Short Measures on Biggest Market Day of Week.

In the mid-afternoon to-day wagons commandeered by the Commissioner of Weights and Measures, John Walsh, began bringing loads of short measures, bushel baskets from Wallabout Market, Brooklyn, to City Hall Park and dumping them back of the Mayor's office. There were 1,500 of them—potatoes, carrots, turnips and any other kind of basket-measure from farmers after a raid which exercised the Commissioner. The Commissioner Walsh and Chief of Police Taggart had a force of twelve raiders from half past seven o'clock this morning until one o'clock this afternoon. Friday was picked as the day of the raid because this is the big day in Wallabout Market.

Just about the time the baskets began arriving at the back door of Mayor Taggart's official home was correspondence in Brooklyn began to tell details. They told of the arrest and arrest and arrest of hundreds of Long Island farmers who had taken their vegetables in for the big market day of the week to be sold by measures furnished by the farmers themselves.

Customers of the market had furnished Commissioner Walsh with complaints that the "bushel baskets" used by the simple Long Island country folk held only three-eighths of a quart instead of a quart as they should.

The names of all those who had short measures baskets in their possession were placed upon the records. If they are caught again they will be fined \$50 each.

TRIES TO SELL FALSE CLUE OF ARNOLD GIRL

Informer With Tale of Two Thieves Owns to Lie Before Grand Jury.

What looked for a time like a promise due to the whereabouts of missing Dorothy Arnold came to nothing to-day, just like all the other theories that have sprung up and withered down again in this three-month-old mystery.

It was learned that a man went to the father, Francis R. Arnold, with this story. He said he had overheard two thieves talking about Dorothy Arnold. One of them confessed that on the day of her disappearance, Dec. 13, he had been in a rooming house, and that he had been in a rooming house, and that he had been in a rooming house.

The informer claimed he could furnish the names and tell the whereabouts of both the thieves, but he insisted upon a payment of money before he would furnish the information. Mr. Arnold was inclined to settle, but his lawyers and the police persuaded him not to give up any money until the informant furnished proof of at least the plausibility of his narrative.

As the man revealed about the act of the District-Attorney's office was privately invoked and a subpoena issued for him. This afternoon he was taken before the Grand Jury. Then, according to John R. Keith, personal counsel to the Arnold family, the stranger owned up that he had been deceiving the Arnolds all along. He had no information whatsoever regarding the fate of the vanished girl.

Mr. Keith refused to tell the man's name. He said the Arnold family had no intention of prosecuting him.

TRAIN BANDITS GET \$20,000 IN A SIX-HOUR HOLDUP

Band of Six Work Leisurely While They Blow Open Safe of Express Car.

CORRIVILLE, N. H., March 24.—For two hours last night six masked men held St. Louis, from Mountain & South-Pasenger Train No. 14 at a standstill about six miles south of this city while they blew open a safe in the express car and emptied in two automobiles the contents of the safe. They made no haste. They had chosen a strategic position in which to stop the train. They were at least three miles from any human habitation.

After the three men had spent nearly an hour over the packages taken from the safe, the lights of two automobiles were seen drawing near from the direction of the Oklahoma line. As they came within about two hundred yards of the train on the country road the automobiles were stopped. The lights were put out and men and automobiles disappeared.

When the train reached this city the sheriff was notified and with two deputies started on horseback southward in pursuit of the six bandits.

Just after the train left Lenape, Okla., about 10:30 P. M., Engineer Lynch heard a cry "Halt, halt!" A masked man sitting on the tender, pointing a revolver at him, said: "I'm going to ride a little way with you, boys."

About four miles out of Lenape the men made the engineer stop the train near a clump of trees. Five more masked men came up and taking positions on either side of the train began shooting in the air along the sides of the train. Then while two of the men stood guard to prevent passengers from coming out, the other four marched the engine and fireman to the day coach and locked them in.

One man then took a position to guard the rear of the train and three went into the express car, forced the two expressmen to jump out and stand

COURT VOIDS LAW AWARDED PAY TO INJURED WORKMEN

Employers' Liability Act Passed by Last Legislature Declared Unconstitutional.

ALBANY, March 24.—The compulsory Workmen's Compensation law passed by the Legislature last week, which provides compensation to workmen in certain specified dangerous employments regardless of the employer's negligence, was declared unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals to-day.

The Court holds that the act deprives the employer of his property without due process of law in violation of the Constitution.

The law was modeled on the English workmen's compensation act of 1897, which has since been extended to cover every kind of occupational injury, and was enacted as a result of the work of the Workmen's Commission, which was appointed in 1906 to investigate the working of the law relative to the liability of employers in industrial accidents. Judge Justice and the opinion of the majority of the court was announced.

The main feature of the act was that it required employers of labor in certain occupations, such as bridge building, operation of elevators, work on scaffolds, work on electric wires, working with explosives, on railroads, tunnels and work carried on under compressed air, which are declared dangerous occupations, to compensate their employees for all injuries occurring during the course of the work, although such

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GAME OLD MAN BEATS OFF TWO DARING ROBBERS

Fights Them All Over Store, Defying Pistol and Bludgeon Until They Flee.

Two tough-looking young fellows, each about sixteen years old, one armed with a revolver, tried to rob Julius Gadalis, fifty-six years old, in his little cigar and delicatessen store at No. 378 Third avenue this afternoon. They encountered a game old man in Julius. He fought them all over the place and although they wielded the pistol and bludgeon they didn't get any money.

Gadalis was behind the counter when the thieves entered. His wife took refuge in the rear, but was a very deaf, and knew nothing of the disturbance until it was over. As the young men entered the store one of them sprang toward the rear. The other drew a revolver, pointed it at Gadalis and ordered him to throw up his hands.

Instead of surrendering, Gadalis the stockholder made a leap for the window, and, making for the cash register, as he grappled with the thief the other reached over the showcase and hit him over the head with the butt of the revolver.

The blow had stunned Gadalis, who fell on and rolled. It was too much for the thief with the pistol. He was struggling and the other got into the fight. The two overpowered the old man, and rolled over and over amid broken glass,

signs and stationery. Gadalis, yelling at the top of his voice, was too much for the thief with the pistol. He was struggling and the other got into the fight. The two overpowered the old man, and rolled over and over amid broken glass,